

**BEFORE THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY)	
)	<u>No. 07-0566</u>
Proposed general increase in electric rates)	

**VERIFIED PETITION TO INTERVENE OF AARP
AND REQUEST TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE**

AARP, by and through counsel, pursuant to the Illinois Commerce Commission Rules of Practice, 83 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 200.200, hereby petitions for intervention as a party in the above captioned case initiated by Commonwealth Edison Company ("Company") when it filed new proposed tariff sheets on October 17, 2007, requesting an additional increase in electric rates.

In support of this application, AARP states as follows:

1. AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that advocates for people who are 50 years of age and older, seeking to promote their independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and to society as a whole.¹ AARP operates staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto

¹ In 1999, the "American Association of Retired Persons" changed its name to simply "AARP", in recognition of the fact that people do not have to be retired to be members. AARP is incorporated as a 501(c)(4) organization. Its affiliated AARP Foundation is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization.

Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. There are approximately 1.7 million AARP members currently residing in the state of Illinois.

2. AARP promotes the well-being of older persons through advocacy, education, and service on a number of priority issues. AARP has determined that advocacy for reasonable utility rates and service for seniors is one of these priority issues.

3. AARP has a long track record of professional participation before public utility commissions throughout the country, helping to provide a competent and substantial factual record in numerous cases through testimony and advocacy that assists commissioners in crafting just and reasonable decisions on issues regarding rates and services for older utility consumers.

4. AARP's interest in this matter relates to the proposed rates, terms and conditions of service for Company's residential electric customers and how these proposals may materially and adversely impact those older Illinois customers who are receiving electric service from Company. Older customers are particularly vulnerable to increases in energy prices. They also devote a higher percentage of their total spending than do other age groups on residential energy costs. Older customers also have special needs with regard to access to electric service.

5. AARP agrees to accept service by electronic means as provided for in Section 200.1050 of the Commission's Rules of Practice. 83 Ill. Adm. Code §200.1050.

6. Furthermore, pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 707 and Illinois Commerce Commission Rules of Practice, 83 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 200.90(a), the undersigned counsel requests permission to appear in the above-captioned

administrative proceeding on a *pro hac vice* basis. The undersigned counsel has over 18 years of experience practicing before public utility commissions. The undersigned counsel is a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar and is not disqualified from appearing in any Missouri court. The state of Missouri permits visiting attorneys to practice before its public utility commission in a *pro hac vice* capacity in similar situations. Missouri Public Service Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.040(3)(C).

7. Correspondence, communications, orders and the decision in this matter should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, AARP respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Verified Petition to Intervene, entitling it to fully participate in this proceeding, and permitting its undersigned counsel to appear *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,


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Dated: this 12th day of December, 2007.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John Coffman, attorney for AARP, hereby certify that copies of the foregoing has been mailed first class postage prepaid, e-mailed or hand-delivered upon all active parties on this 12th day of December 2007.


John B. Coffman

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY)

VERIFICATION

I, John Coffman, hereby affirm that I have knowledge of the contents of the foregoing Verified Petition to Intervene and Request to Appear Pro Hac Vice and it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.


John B. Coffman
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Notary Public, on this 12th day of December, 2007.



MISTI L. MCKINLEY
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My Commission Expires
June 28, 2008

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